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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State**

To the Honorable, the Senate:

<u>Bill, Joint Reso- lution or Resolu- tion Number</u>	<u>Act Number or Enrolled Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Senate Bill 350	Wisconsin Act 155	May 26, 2000
Senate Bill 145	Wisconsin Act 164	May 26, 2000
Senate Bill 417	Wisconsin Act 165	May 26, 2000

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State**

To the Honorable, the Senate:

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Senate Bill 172	Wisconsin Act 176	June 1, 2000
Senate Bill 97	Wisconsin Act 181	June 1, 2000
Senate Bill 110	Wisconsin Act 188	June 1, 2000
Senate Bill 287	Wisconsin Act 195	June 1, 2000
Senate Bill 12	Wisconsin Act 196	June 1, 2000

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
Protection**

May 16, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to s. [710.02\(4\)\(b\)](#), Stats., as amended by [1993 Wisconsin Act 112](#), I submit to the Senate the attached report entitled “Status of Alien Land Ownership in the State of Wisconsin, 1994 – 1999.”

Under s. [710.02 \(4\)\(a\)](#), Stats., DATCP must annually submit this report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. [13.172\(3\)](#), Stats. The report summarizes information received under s. [710.02 \(4\)\(a\)](#), Stats.

Under s. [710.02 \(4\)\(a\)](#), Stats., all foreign persons (including individuals, corporations, firms, partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts and any other legal entity) who acquire or transfer land in Wisconsin must submit a report to DATCP after the date of acquisition or transfer. The same report must also be filed under federal law, under [7 USC 3501 to 3508](#). Aliens initially file the FSA–153 forms with their county FSA office. The reports are then forwarded to Washington, DC to be verified and recorded before they are filed with DATCP.

The attached report summarizes ownership of Wisconsin land as of December 1999, according to the information received by DATCP as of that date. Additional copies of this report may be obtained by contacting Kathy Schmitt in the Division of Marketing at 608/224-5048.

Sincerely,
BEN BRANCEL
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Division of Gaming**

May 15, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

Included with this correspondence, I am submitting the report of the Department of Administration, Division of Gaming (Gaming), for the quarter ended March 31, 2000. As required by s. [562.02\(1\)\(g\)](#), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain pari-mutuel wagering and racing statistical information, as well as the revenues for the program areas of Racing, Charitable Gaming and Indian Gaming. Please note that bingo revenues are now captured in a new appropriation (836) and therefore are shown on a separate chart from the rest of Charitable Gaming.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 270-2560.

Sincerely,
F. SCOTT SCEPANIAK
Administrator

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development**

March 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

On behalf of the Governor’s Wisconsin Works (W-2) and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Task Force I would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to be involved in this valuable project. I believe the Task Force has fully addressed the mission and the goals we were charged with and have made practical recommendations regarding the AODA program needs of our W-2 participants.

Substance abuse problems present states and local communities with unique challenges regarding the goal of moving people from welfare to work and the integration of recovery and employment activities. The Task Force recommendations of early identification, inter-systems collaboration, and comprehensive case management are the prime facilitators of addressing substance abuse within the welfare reform and are the first steps in breaking down this barrier to employment.

Thanks to your vision and courage, the State of Wisconsin has made an investment in and commitment to our low-income families by leading the nation in a bold welfare replacement program. By continuing to provide the enhanced services that our families need, we will show that sustained self-sufficiency is the true indicator of our success.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to address this challenging barrier that must be overcome by many W-2 participants before they can become self-sufficient and provide for themselves and their families. It is my privilege to present the Task force recommendations and the publication guide entitled *Making it Work*.

Sincerely,

J. JEAN ROGERS
Chairperson

Governor's W-2 and AODA Task Force

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

May 12, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

The attached combined report is submitted to the Legislature pursuant to s. 46.27(1lg) and s. 46.277 (5m) of state statutes. State statutes require the Department of Health and Family Services to submit an annual report for the Community Options Program (COP) and for a combined report on the Home and Community Based Waivers (COP-W/CIP II). The attached report describes the persons served, program expenditures, and services delivered through the COP, COP-Waiver and CIP II programs in calendar year 1998. It is comprised of the following sections.

1. Overview of the Community Options Program and Home and Community Based Waivers. This overview includes some information about other waivers.
2. Part I – Community Options Program. This section contains more detailed information about COP as required by state statute and contains the historical data necessary for comparisons to past years. Persons served and dollars expended for both COP and COP-Waiver are included in this section to document compliance with state statutes and provide a complete picture of the funding appropriated by the Legislature. Data in this section does not include persons served or dollars expended for the CIP II program since the matching source of funding for the Community Integration Program II waiver is funded separately under Medicaid.
3. Part II – Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waivers. This section provides the historical detail that reflects the activity of the Medicaid waivers and provides comparisons to Medicaid costs for persons in nursing homes as required by statute.
4. Appendix A – CIP II and COP-W Cost Study. This section contains the methodology used to maintain the cost effectiveness required by HCFA.

The Community Options Program provides services to all target group populations. COP is closely coordinated with all of Wisconsin's Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers. With the Department's oversight county agencies are

able to ensure that a comprehensive and individualized care plan is provided, while maintaining program flexibility and integrity and maximizing federal matching funds.

Sincerely,

JOE LEEAN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources**

May 2, 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Sections 2680v., 2681, and 2681e. of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 made changes to s. 299.15, Stats., which is the enabling legislation for the wastewater fee program under Ch. NR 101, Wis. Admin. Code. The changes do the following: 1) after FY 2000 raise the revenue ceiling to \$7.925M; and 2) add five additional fee program requirements. Section 9136 (3x)(a), (non-statutory provision), of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 requires the Department to prepare a report on wastewater discharge fees under section 299.15 (3) (am), Stats., related to the new requirements.

Attachment one is the Natural Resources Board Agenda Item – Request for Public Hearing approved by the Board during their April meeting. The package contains draft rule changes proposed for the wastewater fee program. The rules have been submitted to the Legislative Council Staff pursuant to s. 9136 (3x)(b) of the non-statutory provisions. The Department intends to seek Board approval of the final rule package at the August Natural Resources Board Meeting in order to meet the January 1, 2001 deadline of s. 9136(3x)(b), 1999 Wis. Act 9.

Attachment two is the Department's recommendation for a change needed to s. 299.15, Stats., in order to implement the new requirements. With the exception of this change, the new requirements appear to fit within the wastewater fee program without major revisions. The draft rule package is supported by an external advisory committee, although there is a difference of opinion regarding the 5-year rolling average, and the Department is seeking input on the two options. See Attachment One for more information on the difference of opinion. The new requirements are also compatible with the data system that supports the fee program, although the Department has had to delay important customer service features of the System for Wastewater Applications, Monitoring and Permits in order to implement the solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. Feel free to contact me or my staff for additional information.

Sincerely,

GEORGE E. MEYER
Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

May 17, 2000

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Senate Bill 172	Wisconsin Act 176	May 17, 2000
Senate Bill 97	Wisconsin Act 181	May 17, 2000

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

May 18, 2000

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Senate Bill 110	Wisconsin Act 188	May 17, 2000
Senate Bill 287	Wisconsin Act 195	May 17, 2000
Senate Bill 12	Wisconsin Act 196	May 17, 2000

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 97-045

Relating to the Wisconsin interstate fuel tax.
Submitted by Department of Transportation.
Withdrawn by Agency, May 19, 2000.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-068

Relating to emission tests.
Submitted by Department of Transportation.
Report received from Agency, May 19, 2000.

Referred to committee on **Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections**, May 24, 2000.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-071

Relating to the identification of a topic of a lobbying communication.

Submitted by Ethics Board.
Report received from Agency, May 18, 2000.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, May 24, 2000.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-085

Relating to recreational vehicle dealer trade practices, facilities and records.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.
Report received from Agency, May 19, 2000.

Referred to committee on **Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections**, May 24, 2000.

The committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-009

Relating to program revenue fees.
No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 99-143

Relating to one- and two-family dwellings, commercial buildings and multifamily dwellings.
No action taken.

Robert Wirch
Chairperson

The committee on **Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-006

Relating to mortgage guarantee insurance.
No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 97-027

Relating to mental health treatment for inmates.
No action taken.

Roger Breske
Chairperson

The committee on **Labor** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-011

Relating to distribution to annuitants of the total amount distributed from the transaction amortization account to the annuity reserve under the nonstatutory provisions of **1999 Wisconsin Act 11**.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-021

Relating to participation in the variable trust fund.
No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-022

Relating to the department's interpretation of what Wisconsin Retirement System creditable service is considered to be performed before January 1, 2000 versus considered to be performed on or after that date under **1999 Wisconsin Act 11**.

No action taken.

Jim Baumgart
Chairperson